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“TAPPING THE POTENTIAL” – *THE AGENDA WITH STEVE PAIKIN* INTERVIEW WITH KRISTINE AND JACOB BARNETT

Respond to the following questions while watching this interview.

1. What is unique about Jacob Barnett?

2. Why is Jacob happy to be autistic?

3. What does Jacob think about the limitations in his abilities because of his autism?

4. How did Kristine react to the diagnosis that Jacob would never speak again?

5. Observe how Jacob and Kristine sit at the table across from Steve.

- a. What is different in their posture?

- b. What is different in their expression?

- c. What is different in the intonation in their voices?

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- d. Provide an explanation of why these differences exist in their communication styles.

6. What does Kristine think should define a child, rather than a label?

7. What is Jacob's advice to students struggling with mathematics?

Respond to the following questions after watching the interview. Compare the experiences described by Jacob and Kristine Barnett and those described in our novel *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime*.

1. How is Jacob similar to Christopher? How is he different?

2. How is Kristine similar to Christopher's mother? His father?

3. How is Kristine different from Christopher's mother? His father?
